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Letter dated 19 September 2001 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-sixth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/56/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the paragraphs of sections III and IV of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Items allocated to the First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (item 64):
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (item 65).
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 66).
4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (item 67).
5. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe (item 68).
6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (item 69).
7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 70).
8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 71).
9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 72).
10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 73).
11. General and complete disarmament (item 74):

    [The General Committee decided to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/56/313), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 74.]

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;
    (c) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (d) Missiles;
    (e) Preservation of and compliance with the Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems;
    (f) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;
    (g) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(h) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(i) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(j) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(k) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(l) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(m) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(n) Reducing nuclear danger;

(o) Regional disarmament;

(p) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(q) Illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons;

(r) Nuclear disarmament;

(s) Transparency in armaments;

(t) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(u) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(v) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(w) Small arms.

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 75):

(a) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 76):

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 77).

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 78).

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 79).

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 80).

18. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 81).

19. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 82).

20. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements (item 83).

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 84).